

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE III, § 62-8 TO  
ESTABLISH A FEE FOR THE INSPECTION OF FOUNDATION  
FOOTERS AND TIE DOWNS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF  
MANUFACTURED HOMES.

Whereas, the Delaware General Assembly enacted legislation requiring all Counties in Delaware to begin conducting inspections of foundation footers and tie downs for manufactured homes effective January 1, 2007; and

Whereas, the purpose of this amendment is to implement the inspection requirement placed upon the County by State law and to establish a fee to be paid to the County for conducting the inspections.

THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:

The Code of Sussex County, Chapter 62, Article III, §62-8 is hereby amended to create §62-8.1 to establish a fee for the inspection of foundation footers and tie downs for the placement of manufactured homes, as follows:

***§62-8.1 Inspection Fee.***

*In addition to the fees currently charged for the placement and installation of a manufactured home, the Assessment Division shall also charge a fee for the inspection of foundation footers and tie downs to be paid at the time a placement permit is issued for a manufactured home as follows:*

A. *The sum of \$120.00, which shall entitle the owner to up to three (3) inspections. The first inspection shall be of the footers, which must be passed before the foundation can be installed. The second inspection shall be of the tie downs, which must be passed before a certificate of occupancy is issued by the County. In the event the County does not approve the footers and/or tie downs on their first inspection, the Assessment Division shall conduct a third inspection without the payment of an additional fee. However, if the required inspections have not resulted in the approval of the footers and tie downs after three (3) inspections, an additional fee of \$40.00 shall be charged for each additional inspection prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and any such additional inspection beyond the first three shall be paid for prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.*

***§62-8.2 Effective Date.***

*The obligation of the County to perform the footer and tie down inspections and the obligation of the property owner to pay the inspection fee shall become effective on January 1, 2007.*

Synopsis: This amendment creates a fee for the inspection and approval of foundation footers and tie downs for manufactured homes in order to insure that such housing units are installed on a secure foundation and properly tied down to the foundation in order to make them less likely to be damaged and/or destroyed by the effects of high winds and/or flood waters associated with hurricanes and other violent weather patterns which may occur in the coastal and inland areas of the County.